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formal policy of permitting that to be done, I think is surplusage and I think it sends a bad signal to the citizenry at large. What we really are trying to say is, look, if you contact us, we are protecting your confidentiality, and that is really the issue.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, throughout the discussion of this proposition there has been repeated reference to the image of the Legislature. I don't think it is Senator Warner's intention in offering this amendment to besmirch the image of the Legislature, but that is precisely what it would do, by saying there is no policy established under which these types of items are confidential. However, we are going to leave it up to arbitrary discretion of the individual senator to create a policy. Now the law if it is going to be on the books at all should establish the general policy, then if a senator chooses not to conform, that is something different. What you can do is take a statement and make it in the affirmative or you can make it in the negative. The law as it is written now makes an affirmative statement as to what is confidential. Senator Warner says under his amendment it is not confidential unless an individual senator says it is so. That becomes the rule. I think that is going about it in the backward fashion. The proper way, if you are going to enact the rule, is to state the rule, then let any senator become the exception if he or she chooses. So with all the talk of image and everything else firmly in the front of my mind, I am totally opposed to Senator Warner's amendment and I hope that it will be rejected.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the principle of the Warner amendment would be satisfactory to me if it was applied only to the issue of telephone records. I think that is probably a reasonable application of the theory. What I do not find, however, as I read it is the clear acknowledgement that one need not declare the need for confidentiality in correspondence. Senator Warner treats correspondence the same as he treats the telephone records and requires a senator to declare their preference for confidentiality of the correspondence mailed to them and sent by the senator to their constituents. It seems to me that that is a principle, that burden I don't think should fall on anybody to move and require the